

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearing Proposed Significant Modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit Midwest Generation LLC – Waukegan Generating Station

Midwest Generation LLC has applied for a significant modification to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for Waukegan Generating Station located at 401 East Greenwood Avenue in Waukegan. The permit is being revised primarily to reflect changes arising from the negotiated resolution of the permit appeal (Case No. PCB 06-146). Changes made in the permit are described in Chapter III and Attachments 1 & 2 of the Statement of Basis prepared for this draft permit.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of the permit prior to making final decisions on the application.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on September 2, 2015 at 7pm at the Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center, 1 Lake Front Drive in Zion. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the draft permit modification. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by August 12, 2015. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer - Hearing Officer, Re: Waukegan Generating Station, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the draft permit modification during the comment period. **Written comments must be received no later than midnight October 1, 2015 unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.**

Copies of the draft permit and other documents, may be viewed at a public repository located at Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street in Waukegan, and the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 Harrison Street in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1021 N. Grand Avenue East Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for the Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The draft permit may also be viewed on the internet at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/>.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, at 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD or brad.frost@illinois.gov.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act (Act). The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois EPA. In addition to implementing Title V of the Act, CAAPP permits may contain "Title I Conditions," i.e., conditions established under the permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the Act. This permit contains no T1 conditions.

The facility is located in a potential Environmental Justice area. More information concerning Environmental Justice may be found at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice/>